THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Government is seized of the problem of infiltration, smuggling of arms and drugs etc. from across the Indo-Pak and Indo-Nepal borders. An assessment of such activities is made by the Government on a regular basis. Whenever instances of involvement of the locals and security personnel in smuggling of arms/drugs, infiltration etc. are detected, necessary action under Law is taken against such elements.

(b) Identification of vulnerable stretches/portions of the border areas by the security agencies is an on-going process and details of such areas cannot be disclosed due to security reasons.

(c) with a view to improve the effectiveness of the border guarding forces, the Government has already approved the augmentation of strength of these forces over a period of 5 years beginning 2000-2001.

Illegal travel to foreign countries

3227. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of people travelling illegally to foreign countries from all the international airports in the country including Hyderabad;

(b) what steps Government have taken to curb such illegal travelling; and

(c) the number of vigilance officers appointed at various international airports in India to curb the menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Wireless message to Pakistan from Kargil by a mysterious lady

†3228. DR. A.K. PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a mysterious lady who has been transmitting wireless messages to Pakistan from Kargil for the last one year;

(b) if so, action taken by Government to check it; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to check such activities in future along the frontiers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) The available information does not indicate towards the presence of any mysterious lady who has been transmitting wireless message to Pak from Kargil for the last one year.

(b) and (c) However, State Government has reported having taken following steps to check/prevent any such activities;

(i) The antecedants of personnel working at sensitive assignments are verified.

(ii) Vigilance/surveillance are upgraded.

(iii) All STD/PCO booths have been placed under surveillance after scrutiny.

Ratio of police force to population in the capital

3229. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the existing police force in the capital is unable to cope with the growing law and order problem;

(b) if so, crime rate since last five years in the capital;

(c) the ratio of police force to population of capital;

(d) the ideal ratio in this regard; and

(e) the steps taken to increase police force and to deploy them at sensitive areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. There has been a progressive decline in the reported IPC crime in Delhi over the last two years as the following table would demonstrate:

Year	Crime rate per Lac Population
1996	457.20
1997	464.92
1998	497.06
1999	454.06
2000	429.54